



YE EDITORS' PAGE

Dear Readers:

The Editors have written a long letter to you on this page for two issues, so this time they want to give most of the space to letters from all of you. The letters below are swell, but you will note that there are no brickbats hurled at BLUE BOLT. Believe it or not. gang, we haven't received any harsh words about BLUE BOLT for over a month. We sure are glad if you all think it is that good, but some of you must have some pet peeves, so be sure and tell us what they are. We can take the "bitter with the sweet" and like to have you air your honest-to-goodness opinions, no matter what they are.

Don't forget the scrap paper drive. The Editors are counting on BLUE BOLT readers to top the list of waste paper collectors.

Cordially yours,

THE EDITORS.

Dear Editors:

Of all the comics I've ever read there is no comic book I prefer more than BLUE BOLT COMfCS. ft has examples for little children as well as grown-ups.

My favorite strips are "Dick Cole,"
"Edison Bell," "Sergeant Spook,"
"Fearless Fellers," and all of them except "Old Cap Hawkins." He is some-

times very interesting.

f help my mother at home and we huy War Bonds and Stamps very often. Three persons in my family buy bonds through the payroll savings plan and with the money left over from our budget we buy extra bonds.

Respectfully yours, Beatriz O. Vela, San Antonio, Texas.

Your family are buying bonds 100%, Beatriz.

Dear Editors:

I have read every issue of BLUE BOLT and think it is swell. The "Edison Bell," "Sergeant Spook,"
"Fearless Fellers," and "Krisko and Jasper." I enjoyed reading "f Fly for Vengeance" and would like more stories like it.

For the war effort f am taking orders for defense stamps in my school. I already have one twenty five dollar bond and have some stamps towards another which I hope to be able to

buy very soon.

A faithful reader, Peter Nelson, Stamford, Connecticut.

Keep buying bonds, Peter, and don't forget to collect waste paper and fats.

Dear Editor:

I read many comic magazines, and one day f happened to see BLUE BOLT. I never dreamed there could

be such a super book.

Now I save my money and buy War Stamps, hecause instead of buying all the other comics f buy BLUE BOLT since it has all the best stories in it. There is only one thing f want to criticize. You have many girl readers. I think they would appreciate it if you put stories about everyday girls in your BLUE BOLT. I'm sure they agree with me, don't you? But your BLUE BOLT is tops with me.

My favorite stories are "Sergeant Spook," "Fearless Fellers," "Edison Bell," "Dick Cole." In fact, all of them are good. Please keep up the

good work.

Respectfully yours, Eleanor Sand, New York, New York.

We wonder how many readers want a girl story, Eleanor.

Dear Editors:

The most interesting story in the January edition of BLUE BOLT was the true and thrilling story of Lt. Commander Clarence E. Dickinson. That story really showed what Americans are made of. After I finished with my comic, I sent it to my brother now serving in the U. S. Army. He enjoys BLUE BOLT COMICS very much. The story he likes best is "Dick Cole." But I have a different story which I enjoy more. It is "Edison Bell." I like it because it sets a good example that every American boy should follow. I buy war stamps every week because it will bring my hrother home sooner. What I look for in a good story is adventure and

thrills and you'll find them all in BLUE BOLT. Take that story of the "Blue Bolt." There's a story for you. My last words to you editors is just keep BLUE BOLT COMfCS coming off those presses as fast as you can print them.

Your regular reader, Earl C. Clayton Baltimore, Maryland.

Glad you like "I Fly for Ven. geance," Earl. We are lining up other thrilling stories for you readers.

Dear Editors:

This letter is to tell you what I think of BLUE BOLT, and what I do

to help win the war.

f like "Dick Cole," "I Fly for Vengeance," "Edison Bell," "Krisko and Jasper," "Blue Bolt," "Blue Bolts and Nuts," and "Fearless Fellers" best. I think you improved "Krisko and Jasper" by making them Seabees.

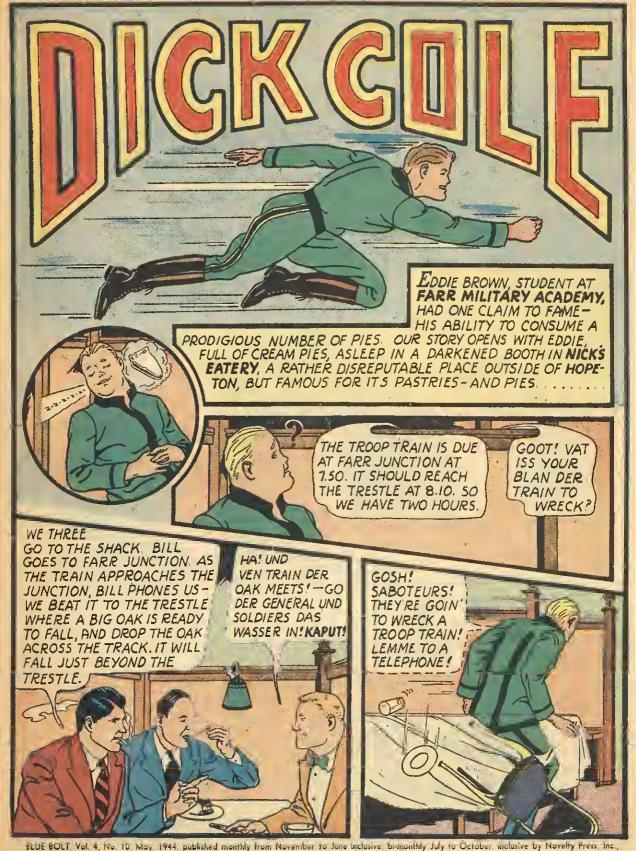
I beligge that all comic books must I believe that all comic books must have laughs, that's why I say keep "Krisko and Jasper" in. I also think you should have more stories like "f Fly for Vengeance" in your book. It shows us fellows and girls, too, that we are bound to win with heroes like Lt. Commander Dickinson. I have bought BLUE BOLT for one year and a half.

f buy stamps every week and have two bonds already, f am a member of the Jr. Red Cross and work every

Monday.

Always a reader, Angelo Pastorino, San Francisco, California.

You didn't send your street address, Angelo. Be sure to do that so we can send you your War. Stamps.

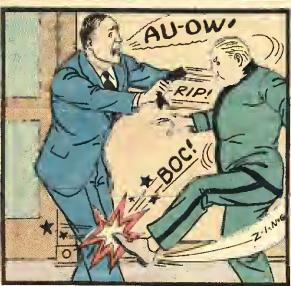


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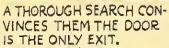




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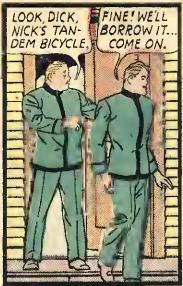










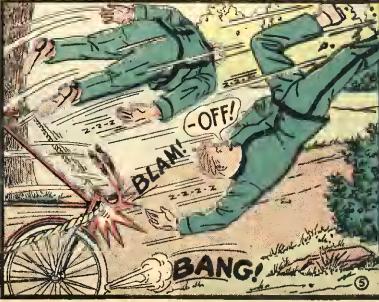




















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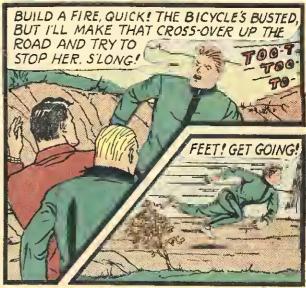
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BOYS! GIRLS! ARE YOU SAVING ALL WASTE FATS AND WASTE PAPER FOR UNCLE SAM?



















































ANY WOMAN WHO SENDS HER CHILD-REN OUT TO PLAY IN WEATHER LIKE THIS (BLAH-BLAH!)



HAM! IF THEY ONLY KNEM!
...OH, BY THE WAY...THE
SOONER WE BACK THE
ATTACK ... THE SOONER
THE BOYS WHO ATTACK
WILL BE BACK! BUY
WAR STAMPS AND BONDS

























AND, AS THE LAST LOAD IS DROPPED, THE TERRIFIC CONCUSSION SPLINTERS THE WALLS OF THE DAM!















OVER MOEHNE TWO
OVER EDER! BUT, THE
DAMS HAVE BEEN
SMASHED AND THE
RUHR IS JUST A
RAGING RIVER!
COMING IN!
COMING!



AT HEADQUARTERS.

FOR THIS, AND OTHER OF HIS EXPLOITS, COMMANDER GIBSON HAS BEEN DECORATED WITH THE VICTORIA CROSS, THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER (TWICE) AND THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (TWICE)









SORRY, BOYS -- BUT WHEN

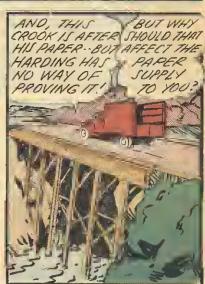
























NOT MANY



MEANWHILE ... YEAH .. MY HOLDINGS HMM ... AND YOU ARE ABOVE HIS



































ALL YOUR WASTE PAPER.

















A piece of history

IGUEL FILIPE QUEZON was very happy as he trudged along the grassy path to the boat with the gunny-sack filled with guns, cords, tapes and meters of the American engineers. Mr. Baxter, Mr. Buffiington and Mr. Stratman had found the manganese deposits they were looking for here on Relagi Island. Now their job was done and they were going back to Manila as soon as they got their little boat packed with their maps, reports and equipment. What they had found would help to make the Philippines strong and help them to keep those dirty Japs in check—

Suddenly he was not happy. He was afraid. For where their boat was hidden in the underbrush of the little cove there was now another boat, a powerful, low-slung boat that had the hateful insignia of the Rising Sun painted on its gray hull. Getting out of the boat were eight Japanese soldiers, evil-looking, with bayoneted rifles clutched in their hands.

Filipe dropped down into the undergrowth as if he had been shot. He was not more than twelve feet away from the men and he was almost afraid to draw his breath, for fear of being discovered.

He saw the Jap officer signal for extreme quiet, and then the officer spoke, but Filipe's sharp ears caught the Japanese words and understood them.

"You two remain here. We will go to the camp of the American dogs and return with the maps and plans and reports on the manganese. They, cannot know that we wiped out Pearl Harbor yesterday. They will be asleep, as usual."

The Jap officer and five of his men disappeared in the direction of the camp, while the two remaining Japs sat down on the ground, rifles held ready, to guard the boats until the return of their yellow comrades.

Filipe hugged the ground like a snake and dragged the gunny-sack behind him through the undergrowth, careful not to make a sound. He was afraid to breathe for fear a twig would snap and the Japs would hear him.

Yet he had to hurry. He had to get back to

camp and help Mr. Baxter and the others. Their guns were in the gunny-sack, and they could do nothing without guns against the brutal, sneaking Japs. The guns would do his friends no good unless they had them in their hands, and it was his job to get the guns there.

N a few moments he had wriggled his way to the trail, where he could regain his feet without being seen. He dropped the gunny-sack on the ground, opened it hurriedly and pulled out five revolvers and a big ball of stout fishing cord. Then, with these things in his hands, he began to duck and squirm his way through the dense brush in the direction of the camp. He was brown as a berry, and his lithe, wiry body glided unseen through the jungle.

He finally crept out cautiously on a little knoll in back of the camp. His dark eyes took in the situation.

Below him, just beyond the hut used as a sort of office and cook shack, that nestled up against the knoll, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Stratman and Mr. Buffington were standing, their arms raised helplessly in the air. In front of them stood the arrogant little Japanese officer, a revolver in his hand, and behind the officer were the five Jap soldiers, their bayonets pointed forward at the captive Americans.

Ted Baxter was not afraid. "Well, now that you've busted in on us, maybe you'll let me tell you that this island is American property and we're American citizens!"

The Jap grinned an oily Oriental smile. "The armed forces of our Empire struck at Pearl Harbor yesterday. Your famous American fleet has been scattered or sunk. The Rising Sun will soon subdue the Philippines. We have come here to get your reports on manganese deposits for the Mikado. We, too, can use manganese for our planes, ships and guns."

Filipe was proud of his American friends. The Japs had guns and the Yanks didn't, but they stood there, calm and quiet and not at all as if those yellow soldiers scared them. Mr. Baxter grinned right back at them. "Your Mikado can go climb a tree with the rest of the monkeys! If you think I'll give you our reports, you're just plain goofy!"

THE Jap officer made a motion and one of the Jap soldiers stepped forward and hit Mr. Baxter over the head with the barrel of his rifle. Mr. Baxter fell to the ground. Two of the Japs lifted him up and carried him into the little hut. Then they herded Mr. Stratman and Mr. Bufflington into the hut and stood a guard in front of the door.

The Japs piled their rifles in a heap in front of the hut and began to pry open the boxes in which the Americans had packed all of their reports, charts and things, preparatory to leaving the island.

Filipe wasted no time. He knew what he had to do and he did not delay. First he tore a page out of a memo book—wrote on it with a pencil— "When you hear signal shot—break out of hut. Fil." He slipped the piece of paper halfway down the barrel of one of the revolvers. Then he cut a short length of cord off the ball with his knife and tied three of the revolvers together. Cutting another twenty-foot length of cord, he tied one end to the revolvers. Leaning as far out as he dared from the top of the knoll, he tossed the bundle of guns at the opening in the top of the stove-pipe in the roof of the little hut in which his friends were captives.

He was afraid that he would miss his mark, but his aim was perfect and the deadly bundle disappeared into the black maw of the pipe. He carefully let out the remaining cord until he felt the bundle of guns stop. After a moment he felt a gentle tug on the cord, signifying that his

friends had gotten the guns.

Filipe immeditaely crawled away from the knoll like a wriggling snake. He made his way to the west of the camp. He stopped and tied one of the revolvers to the base of a palm tree with cord from the big ball. Then he tied a free end of the big ball to the trigger of the gun and unrolled about fifty feet of line before he cut it off with his knife. Then, moving carefully and quietly to the south of the camp, he tied another gun to another tree. He tied another line to the trigger of this gun. Soon he was able to sneak back to the knoll with the ends of both lines in his hands. A jerk on either line would fire a gun either to the west or south of the camp.

The Japs were still intently searching for the reports on manganese in the boxes of records. Filipe hoped that Mr. Baxter had regained consciousness by now and would be able to use his gun. He waited another long minute and then jerked with all his might on one of the long

cords.

A LOUD report boomed out of the jungle to the west and a bullet tore through the leaves, burying itself in the ground in front of the Jap officer. He howled a command and the soldiers leaped up and made a dash for their rifles.

At that moment Mr. Baxter, Mr. Stratman and Mr. Buffington burst out of the hut like erupting volcanoes. They had guns in their

hands. Mr. Baxter socked the sentry over the head and he rolled unconscious on the ground. Then Mr. Baxter hollered, "Stop! Or we'll plug you in your tracks!"

The Japs weren't very brave without guns in their hands. They all stood still and put their hands in the air and hollered excitedly.

Filipe ran out to help his friends. Mr. Baxter grinned and said, "Nice goin', kid. You did a swell job. Give me that ball of cord. We'll tie these fellows up and turn them over to McArthur."

Filipe said, "There are two more of them at the boat, guarding it. They have heard those shots by now and they will be coming to see what happened."

"Thanks, kid." Mr. Baxter hollered some orders to the others. "Carry all you can and herd these guys back to the boat. Thank Heaven they didn't find our manganese reports."

They tied boxes and bags on the Japs' backs and then they started to march into the jungle toward the boat. They had just gotten into the edge of the jungle to the south when Filipe cried out, "Look out, Mr. Baxter! Those other

Japs are coming!"

The Japs that had been left to guard the boat were running forward now. Mr. Baxter was in front and he fired his revolver at the leading Jap, and the yellow man toppled over. Then Mr. Baxter fired at the other Jap, but his revolver only made an empty click. The Jap raised his rifle to fire at Baxter, who leaped sideways. The Jap ran forward to get a better shot, but a loud report sounded in back of him and a puff of smoke sifted through the trees. The Jap stumbled forward with a bullet in his back.

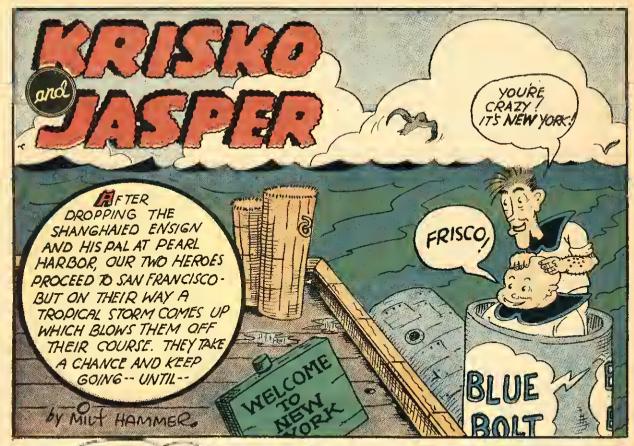
Mr. Baxter ran forward quickly and found that the Jap had tripped over the cord tied to the trigger of the gun Filipe had tied to the tree to the south of the camp. His tripping over the cord had pulled the trigger and shot him. Mr. Baxter tied him up and took them all to the boat.

THEY loaded their stuff into the boat, herded the bound Japs aboard, and towed it away toward Manila.

Mr. Baxter patted Filipe on the head. "Fil, I got to tell McArthur about you. One Filipino boy is worth a dozen Japs."

Filipe grinned. He was happy again. Why not? The dirty yellow Japs had stolen his father's land and killed him. These Japs would-n't steal or kill any more. They'd be prisoners for the duration of the war.

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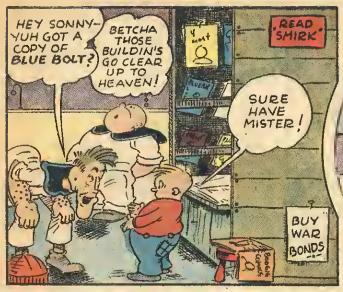
































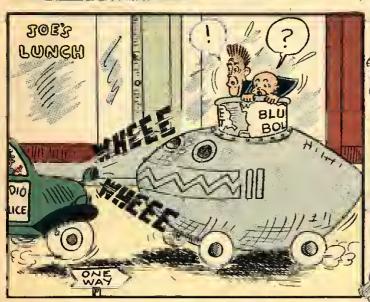




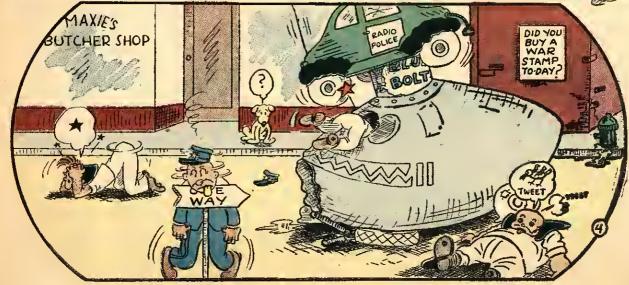


































FTER HEARING AN UNREVEALING OUTLINE OF HIS NEW MISSION, BLUE BOLT IS ORDERED TO TAKE OFF IMMEDIATELY UNDER SEALED ORDERS.

WE HAVE A
DATE WITH A
SLIM PACKAGE
AT LAT. 40°LONG. 69°•

YOU MEAN THE C.O.
GOT A GIRL FOR ME,
TOO ? HEY, WAIT A
MUNUTE! THAT'S OUT



WEATHER REPORTS .

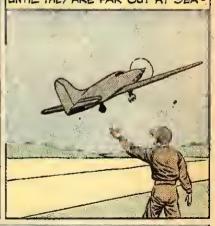
AT 2000 FEET, THE WIND IS 100 M-P-H-VISIBILITY, UNLIMITED

SOUNDS LIKE PERFECT CROSS-ING WEATHER B.B. BUT YOU NEVER



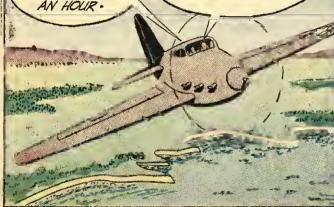


A T THIS MOMENT A TRIM FIGURE SLIPS PAST THE GUARD AND STEALS INTO THE WAITING PLANE. INALLY THE SPECIAL SHIP SKIMS OVER THE RUNWAY. THEIR DESTINATION RESTS IN THE ENVELOPE WHICH CAN'T BE OPENED UNTIL THEY ARE FAR OUT AT SEA.



THE COURSE IS PLOTTED SIR. WE WILL CROSS LONG. 69° IN AN HOUR.

SEE WHAT'S LOOSE
IN THE TAIL, CHARLEY,
SOMETHING'S SHIFTING' BACK THERE













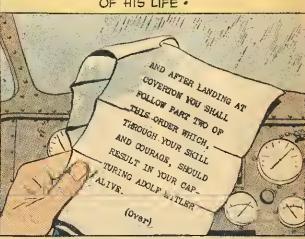








APPOINTED LONGITUDE AND BLUE BOLT READS
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BIGGEST ASSIGNMENT
OF HIS LIFE .





STRONGER AND THE PLANE
IS TOSSED LIKE A SHEAF
OF PAPER •



HERE
PUT ON MY
MASK; OUR
ONLY HOPE
IS TO CLIMB

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU SIR?

WHAT DO YOU CARE, JUNIOR? IT'S HIS





20,000 FEET; 25,000 FEET AND STILL NOT OVER!



THE HIGH ALTITUDE COVERS
THE PLANE WITH ICE • THE DEICERS FAIL AND WITH A SHRIEK
IT PLUNGES DOWN • (4)



















HE GIRL CLICKS HER CAMERA AS FAST AS



EORTUNATELY IT'S AN AM-ERICAN FREIGHTER AND AFTER SOME HOT FOOD BLUE BOLT RADIOS HIS REPORT.









NEXT
MONTH
BLUE BOLT,
CHARLEY
AND
MARGE
ARE AT IT
AGAIN •

BE GOOD



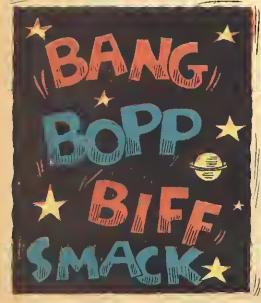


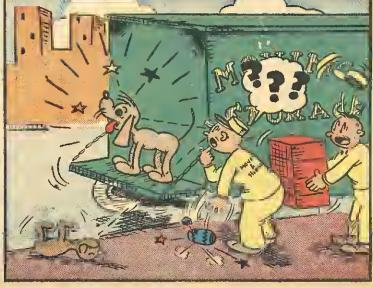














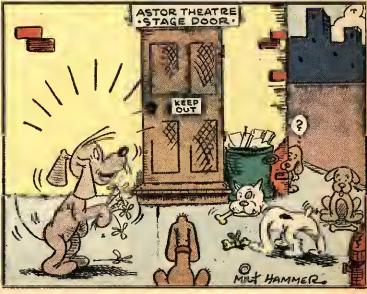
















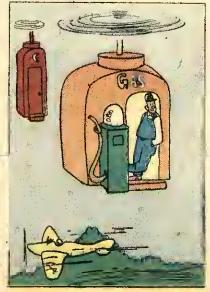


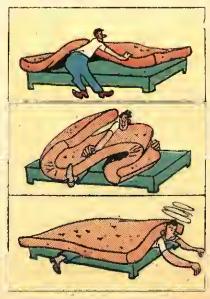


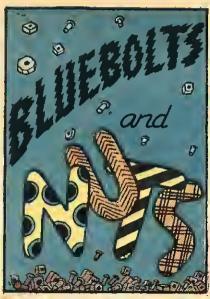






























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